

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Anchorage - Forest Health and Park Safety

State Funding Requested: \$200,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (12-28)****Brief Project Description:**

Funds will be used to address various issues impacting forest health on parkland.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$200,000

Funding Already Secured: (\$0)

FY2023 State Funding Request: (\$200,000)

Project Deficit: \$0

*Funding Details:**CARES Act funds were used my MoA to complete a portion of the work in 2020.**\$200,000 1004 UGF remaining need***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Need: Clean up efforts are still needed for areas of forest impacted by the 2012 windstorm event. Additionally, the recent infestation of spruce bark beetle in southcentral Alaska will result in significant loss of spruce trees and will require mitigation to reduce fire danger and ensure public health and safety. Also, invasive species along greenbelts are impacting native vegetation and riparian/stream health.

Project Scope: Funds will be used to address various issues impacting forest health on parkland. This includes the mitigation of spruce bark beetle kill, the removal of hazard trees from the 2012 windstorm, and the management of invasive species.

Project Status: P&R crews and CARES Act funded contractors completed thousands of hours of work in 2020 to remove beetle-kill spruce along trail corridors and adjacent to develop facilities such as playgrounds and picnic shelters. Park maintenance and horticulture crews continually assess parks and trails and address issues as they come up to ensure that park assets are safe for Anchorage citizens.

Priority number 5 on Campbell park Community Council Capital

Project Timeline:

Additional work can be completed in the Summer and Fall of 2022 if funding is available.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

n/a

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No